THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, in view of the increased terrorist therat, various steps have been taken for the secruity of Amarnath pilgrims, which include the following-

(i) Security Forces deployed have been alerted and Road Opening Parties (ROPs) already deployed have been further strengthened;

(ii) Intensive patrolling of routes leading to holy cave is being carried out with surprise checking of vehicles;

(iii) Special nakas have been established *en-route* and thorough checking/frisking is being carried out;

(iv) Doorframe metal detectors and X-ray machines/gadgets have been installed at holy cave, Sheshnag, Chandanwari, Ashmuquam and Base Camp.

In addition to the above mentioned steps, additional Central Paramilitary Forces and dog squads have been provided to the State Government for the security of Amarnath Yatra 2005. Central Government is also constantly monitoring and periodically reviewing the security arrangements made for the Yatra.

Non-completion of projects by NDMC

1825. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDMC has failed in completing the important projects or even implementing important Budget proposals for the year 2004-05 in North Avenue, South Avenue, Parliament Street, Connaught Place and other VVIP areas;

(b) if so, the names of the projects contained in the Budget proposals of 2004-05 which have not been implemented so far and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by what time the pending projects like the multi level parking lots, Modern Flower Market, New Delhi City Centre Phase-II are likely to be completed and the reasons for the delay in completion in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Details of the projects for the year 2004-05 which have not been completed by New Delhi Municipal Council, the reasons for the delay and likely date of completion are indicated below:

(i) The scheme for construction of Flower Market at INA has since been kept in abeyance as the Delhi Development Authority is finalizing plans for integrated development of the area including Laxmi Bai Nagar Market.

(ii) The project for construction of Working Girls' Hostel at Brigadier Hoshiar Singh Road opposite Indira Niketan has been changed to a staff housing complex because of the scarcity of houses for the employees of the Council.

(iii) Keeping in view the present requirement, some changes have been made in the architectural drawings of the New Delhi City Centre Phase-II Project at Parliament Street. The Project is likely to be completed in the next financial year.

(iv) The multi-storeyed parking lots at Baba Kharak Singh Marg has been entrusted to the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation and is likely to be completed during the next financial year.

Proposal to decongest Chandigarh

1826. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some near-by villages around Chandigarh to decongest the Union Territory; and

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been chalked out in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Presently there is no approved scheme in existence with the UT Administration to decongest Chandigarh. However, the Chandigarh Administration has decided to develop all the 18 villages in the UT by providing civic amenities like paved streets, surface drains, sewerage system, street lighting, public latrines, sports stadiums, shopping centres etc. to make available healthy and sanitary environment for the residents of these villages.